

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following abstract:

A process for the production of intermediates having a formula IA that can be used for the synthesis of cephalosporins, such as cefepime of formula V. The intermediates of formula IA are produced by desilylation of a compound of formula II with a protic solvent to obtain a compound of formula III, and reacting the compound of formula III with an organic base of formula IV.